BUDGET RESOLUTION/Amtrak

SUBJECT: Senate Concurrent Budget Resolution for fiscal years 1996-2002 . . . S. Con. Res. 13. Domenici motion to table the Exon (for Baucus) amendment No. 1181.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 50-49

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. Con. Res. 13, the fiscal year 1996 Concurrent Budget Resolution, will reduce projected spending over 7 years to balance the budget by fiscal year (FY) 2002 without increasing taxes. Savings that will accrue from lower debt service payments (an estimated \$170 billion) will be dedicated to a reserve fund, which may be used for tax reductions after enactment of laws to ensure a balanced budget. Highlights include the following: the rate of growth in Medicare will be slowed to 7.1 percent; Medicaid's rate of growth will be slowed to 5 percent and it will be transformed into a block grant program; the Commerce Department and more than 100 other Federal programs, agencies, and commissions will be eliminated; welfare and housing programs will be reformed; agriculture, energy, and transportation subsidies will be cut; foreign aid will be cut; defense spending will be cut and then allowed to increase back to its 1995 level; and Social Security will not be altered.

The Exon (for Baucus) amendment would express the sense of the Senate that revenue collected from the .5 cent increase in the gasoline excise tax that was enacted in 1993 should be directed to a new account that would be used for grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to pay for operating expenses and capital improvements.

No arguments were expressed either in favor of or in opposition to the amendment.

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YEAS (50)			NAYS (49)			NOT VOTING (1)	
Republicans Democrats		Republicans	Republicans Democrats		Republicans Democrats		
	(43 or 80%) (7 or 16%)		(11 or 20%)	(38 or 84%)		(0)	(1)
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